Bp. Daniel Dolan Claims He's Not Questioning the Death Penalty, Then Tells Good St. King Wenceslaus Anecdote Questioning It!

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I have met Bishop Dolan in person, not to be confused with Cardinal Timothy Dolan. Bishop Dolan struck me as overly effeminate (no, I am not claiming nor even suggesting that Bp Dolan is a homosexual or immoral person), but perhaps that is just my obsession with psychoanalyzing new people I meet. He was a very jolly old man, particularly interested in the devotional aspect of Catholicism, or the spiritual life as it is called. However, I have many times said that liberalism is all about means and not ends. This results in hypocrisy, where you support something in principle but never in practice. But what good is a principle if you don't act on it?

> I don't think any Christian ever questioned Capital Punishment in theory, but Good King Wenceslas resolutely opposed it in practice, never imposing it, and doing his best to get the condemned reprieved, even secretly consoling him and giving him money to buy himself off.

Are you a Christian, because the bishop just questioned it, while claiming he wasn't going to. If the bishop thinks this is going to deter sane people from advocating for criminals to get rek'd by the state, I have an inquisition to sell you. What if the Good King took that money, used to pay for criminals to get released and instead gave it to the victims of these criminals? Apparently that's not Christian enough. But beyond that, it is necessary to point out that no citation for this story is given, nor is it likely even true. Recall that he was a Bohemian monarch who lived in the tenth century. A thousand years is plenty of time for fictitious though pious legends to be propagated, even by those who have an agenda to set. Even if he did do it, so what? Do we really want our political leaders to be releasing criminals into society? Because if you do, why not abolish the police, prisons, ICE and the rule of law? This obviously never occurred to the bishop. Let me end with an actual citation which you may appreciate more than a tweet from a random bishop.

> The Catechism of the Council of Trent, composed under the supervision of St. Charles Borromeo, stated: “Far from being guilty of breaking this commandment [Thou shall not kill], such an execution of justice is precisely an act of obedience to it. For the purpose of the law is to protect and foster human life. This purpose is fulfilled when the legitimate authority of the State is exercised by taking the guilty lives of those who have taken innocent lives.”

There you have it: executing the criminal is not only moral, but in obedience to the moral law. Keep in mind that this catechism was composed about five-hundred years after Wenceslaus died, so he can be excused by way of ignorance.

Links

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Archive: https://archive.vn/tIK9D

Bio: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wenceslaus_I,_Duke_of_Bohemia
Archive: https://archive.vn/QYwq

Catechism: http://www.thecatholicthing.org/2015/03/16/the-traditional-case-for-capital-punishment/
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